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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

November 2, CRUSADER, British steamer, 647, Rowin, Haiphong 31st October, General—A. R. MARTY.

November 3, DOUGLAS, British steamer, 982, M. Young, Foochow 31st October, Amoy 1st November, and Swatow 2d, General—DOUGLAS LAPEAK & CO.

November 3, CHINA, German steamer, 626, Ulidrap, Newchwang 27th October, Beans—MELCHERS & CO.

November 3, BILLY SIMPSON, British bark, 432, Brown, from Whampoa, Ballast—CAPTAIN.

November 3, PENG-CHAO-HAI, Chinese gunboat, from cruise.

November 3, FELIX, Russian bark, 871, G. Wahberg, Singapore 18th Sept., Timber—CAPTAIN.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

3RD NOVEMBER.
Lorax, British str., for Saigon.
City of Peking, Amer. str., for Yokohama.
Mazzaia, German str., for Yokohama.

Voracious, German str., for Sandakan.

Wah Young, British str., for Hoikow.

Bethell's Castle, British str., for Shanghai.

Hilda, Swedish bark, for Bangkok.

DEPARTURES.

NOVEMBER 3, ROYAL SOVEREIGN, British ship, for Calcutta.

November 3, HAIPHONG, British steamer, for Swatow.

November 3, KUTSANG, British str., for Whampoa.

November 3, OUXI, French str., for Europe.

November 3, QUARTA, German str., for Swatow.

November 3, JOHN KNOX, British str., for Foochow.

November 3, ASHINGTON, British steamer, for Shanghai.

November 3, CITY OF PEKING, Amer. str., for San Francisco.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Crusader, from Haiphong—Mr. Flanagan, and 6 Chinese.

Per Douglas, str., from Coast Ports—Rev. G. H. Bonfield, Mr. Alfred, 3 Europeans, deck, and 181 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Ozzie, str., from Hongkong—for Saigon.

—China, Mr. Simpson, Rev. J. K. Fisher, Mrs. Fisher, Dr. Joseph, J. Borwick, and D. de Costa, and Assistant, for Batavia—Dr. and Mrs. L. Lorenzo Franco, for Aden—Mr. M. A. T. For Marseilles—Mrs. M. de Caro, G. Mallard, Ch. Maski, L. Lamarega, Welton, and J. Brown, from Shanghai.

For Colombo—Mr. and Mrs. Nathan and instant.

For Marseilles, Rev. Mr. Martini, Mrs. Martini, and 2 Chinese.

For London, Yen-tung, from Yokohama.

For Saigon—Mrs. Collett, Mrs. Mairi, and Mrs. Phelan Alfred, for Mafrares—Mr. Capelle, Per Port Said—Mr. Print, for Marseilles.

—Mr. Arch. Brown, from Kobe—for Mar-selles—Mrs. and Miss Welton and 3 children.

Moers, Welton, Schlesser, and F. M. Jones.

REPORTS.

The British steamer Crusader reports left Haiphong on the 31st October, and had light winds and fine weather.

The Russian bark Feliz, 181, Singapore on the 18th September, and experienced very light winds and mostly calm during the passage.

On the 29th October had N.E. winds in lat. 15° N., long. 17° E.

The British steamer Douglas reports left Foochow on the 30th October, and experienced fresh N.E. winds and fine weather. Left Amy on the 31st, same weather. Left Swatow on the 2nd Nov., had light winds and fine weather. In Foochow strs., Fu-yeo and Nanzing and H.M.S. Firebrand. In Amy str., Cousins Arrib and Port Phillip. In Swatow str., Albany, Amy and Japanes.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

20, Kiangnan, Chinese str., from Ningpo.

20, Feilung, British str., from Amoy.

20, Swift, British g-h-t, from Port Hamilton.

20, Hideoya, Maru, Jap. str., from K. Noto.

20, Ingelborg, British str., from Nagasaki.

20, Kiang-nan, Chinese str., from Hankow.

20, Kowshing, British str., from Amoy.

20, Washington, British str., from Korea.

20, Kowshing, British str., from Hongkong.

20, W. H. Stachek, Am. ship from New York.

20, Ichang, British str., from Ningpo.

21, Activa, German str., from Hakodate.

21, Yokohama Maru, Jap. str., from Japan.

21, Atalante, German str., from Hongkong.

21, Wen-chow, British str., from Swatow.

21, Fusang, Chinese str., from Hongkong.

21, Ha-ting, Chinese str., from The Bar-

21, Kowshing, British str., from Ningpo.

21, Fuchun, Chinese str., from Tsin-kein.

21, Pakin, British str., from Hankow.

22, Nestor, British str., from London.

22, Crayser, Russian corv., from Wwostock.

October—DEPARTURES.

20, See-wo, British str., for Amoy.

20, Kiang-nan, Chinese str., for Hankow.

20, Hsia-shun, Chinese str., for Foochow.

20, Kiang-nan, British str., for Ningpo.

20, Indo-China, str., for Nagasaki.

20, Kiang-nan, Chinese str., for Ningpo.

20, Hsiao, German str., for Nagasaki.

20, Kua Hsing, Chinese str., for a cruise.

21, Wimere, British str., for Astoria, Or.

21, Wham, British str., for Steamer Roads.

21, Wayler, British str., for Tientsin.

21, W. C. de Vries, British str., for Hankow.

21, Peck, British str., for Hongkong.

21, Poo-ki, Chinese str., for Tientsin.

21, Gloriex, British str., for London.

21, Feilung, British str., for Hongkong.

21, Chin-tung, Chinese str., for Amoy.

21, Ichang, British str., for Ningpo.

21, Kowshing, British str., for Chefoo.

21, Feilung, British str., for Tientsin.

21, Kowshing, British str., for Ningpo.

21, Kiang-nan, British str., for Kintan.

21, Bohila, British str., for Hongkong.

22, Siberian, German bark, for Keelung.

22, Taiwo, British str., for Newchwang.

22, Bellona, German str., for Hongkong.

22, Kiang-nan, Chinese str., for Ningpo.

22, Swift, British g-h-t, for Port Hamilton.

VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.

(Corrected to Date.)

22, C. A. Reed, Cardiff.

22, New York, New York.

22, Nyl Ghas, New York.

22, Lecile, New York.

22, Undine, L'pool via Cardiff.

22, Arabis, New York.

22, C. F. Sargent, Penrith.

22, Great-Surgeon, Cardiff.

22, Conqueror, Penrith.

22, John Carter, Penrith.

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22, Wilhelm Anton, Cardiff.

22, Clyde (s.), Liverpool.

22, Afric (s.), Glasgow.

22, Elias A. Reed, Cardiff.

22, Edwin Reed, Cardiff.

22, New York, New York.

22, Carron (s.), Liverpool.

22, M. N. Russell, Penrith.

22, Susser (s.), Cardiff.

22, Avernia, Cardiff.

22, Teignmouth (s.), H'burg via London.

22, Sept.

22, Hongkong, 12th August, 1885.

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INTIMATIONS.

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Sanitary Suggestions by Sampson Low.

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The efforts being made to ensure the worthy representation of Hongkong in the forthcoming Indian and Colonial Exhibition in London are deserving of every encouragement. A great deal has been done, and the indefatigable Honorary Secretary of the local Exhibition Commission, Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, is sparing neither time nor trouble to get together a creditable exhibit from this Colony. The fact that Hongkong is a non-producing colony naturally renders it a matter of greater difficulty to collect material for a show. Nevertheless the difficulties in the way can and will be surmounted. If this Colony has few natural products to display, it can at least exhibit some interesting manufactures, sufficient no doubt to open the eyes of those persons in England who imagine that Hongkong is only a mere port of call for the trade with China. The chief production of this barren rock is granite, specimens of which will of course be sent; but the manufactures, including refined sugar, rope, rum, soy-sambu, vermillion, rattan, bamboo ware, blackwood furniture, ivory, silver, and brass ware, &c., will make up a considerable show. The Glassworks will perhaps have hardly got to work in time, or they might contribute their quota to the collection. We see it is proposed to form a bazaar or shop containing various Chinese goods, which will no doubt prove a very attractive feature of the Hongkong Court. A model of the island pictures showing the city of Victoria in its infancy and its present state will also help to illustrate the rise and progress of this small but important colony. It would have betrayed a grievous lack of spirit for Hongkong to have elected to take no part in the Exhibition, seeing the magnitude of her trade and the growing importance of her industries. It is satisfactory to learn that the Chinese residents are taking an interest in the Exhibition, and the address which they are getting up to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will have the merit of novelty, and it will certainly be inspected with no little curiosity by the visitors. A great deal still remains to be done, but we trust all those interested in the success of the work will give their hearty and loyal co-operation to the Exhibition Commission and its hardworking Secretary. Hongkong is now thoroughly committed to the undertaking, and she would not be true to herself if she did not make sure that she would be fittingly represented in the great London Show of 1886.

THE Municipal Rates Ordinance, which comes on for second reading in the Legislative Council this afternoon, is one of the most important measures which has been brought up for consideration for many years. Hitherto the fixing of the rates has been left in the hands of the Governor, with the proviso that they should not exceed certain amounts, namely, that the police assessment should not exceed a rate equal to the expenses of the police establishment of the year; that the water rate should not exceed two per cent, the lighting rate one and a half per cent, and the fire brigade rate three-quarters per cent. By the new Ordinance the power of fixing the rates is transferred from the Governor to the Legislative Council, a change in the right direction and one for which the community have to thank Sir George Bowen, by whom it was first suggested and at whose instance it has already received the approval of the Secretary of State. The rates are fixed in the first place by the Ordinance; it is then provided that the amounts "may be altered, from time to time, by a resolution to be passed by the Legislative Council for that purpose." It will doubtless be satisfactory to the ratepayers to learn that the rates have been fixed at a slightly less amount than was anticipated. By the notification of the 20th June last the municipal rates in the city of Victoria were fixed at 13 per cent, namely, 8½ per cent for police rate, 1½ per cent for lighting rate, 1 per cent for fire brigade rate, and 2 per cent for water rate. In the new Ordinance the police rate is fixed at 8½ per cent, thus reducing the total to 12½ instead of 13 per cent. How soon this reduction will take effect is uncertain, as the Ordinance is to come into effect "upon a day to be hereafter proclaimed by the Governor;" until such proclamation is made the existing scale will remain in force. A change has also been made with regard to the outlying districts. Under the existing scale the rates at Victoria Peak are fixed at 8½ per cent, and in British Kowloon and other outlying districts of the colony 6 per cent. Under the new Ordinance the rate at Victoria Peak, Quarry Bay,

Kowloon Point, Hung Hom, and Sham-shui Po are to be 8½ per cent, and at other places 5 per cent. This rate is for police purposes only; the lighting, fire brigade, and water rates are not levied outside the city of Victoria. It will be seen that the incidence of taxation has been altered as regards districts, the populous parts of Kowloon being subjected to the same police rate as Victoria and the Peak, in place of 6 per cent, as at present, while the other outlying districts will have to pay only 5 per cent. Until the notification of June last this was the rate for the whole of the colony outside the city of Victoria. The scale now proposed is, we think, more equitable than that fixed by the *Saturday Review* discusses the questions suggested by the recent resolutions as to Russia's dealing with Korea, and also the telegrams and other effects of the recent Russian intervention in Thibet. It concludes that the colonel's fatality is due to the inactivity of the Chinese, who blocked the mountain paths. The Korean business is described as more complicated, and, perhaps, more conjectural. It proceeds to describe the apparent character of Russia's projects in the Far East, and adds:—"Many things have contributed to assist the Russian designs in England, the chief of which is the absence of any other European competition, the jealousy of Japan and China, the bad organization and slow movement of the vast forces of the Chinese Empire. But it is not quite certain that the Russian move, cleverly made and just defeated, may not be the last which Russia has a chance of making without actual war. It is said by authority different from those just quoted, but worthy of note, that the public in England, as late as last week, was in the dangerous advantage given by their family to the powerful and unscrupulous neighbour who has so long been edging down upon them. Whatever truth there may be in the rumours of a triple understanding (not, of course, a triple alliance) between these two Powers and England, to check Russian designs and advances, it is certain that such an understanding, which need not be a formal one, would be an exceedingly sensible thing for the interests of all three."

The manslaughter case, in which a shopkeeper named Chan Yau was charged with causing the death of a coolie named Cheung Sin, on the Praia, near the steam launch wharf, on the 2nd instant, was heard before the Supreme Court, yesterday afternoon, by Mr. Wodehouse. Some further evidence was taken by Mr. Deacon conducting the case for the prosecution, Mr. Caldwell defending. The defendant will also be charged on a Coroner's warrant, as the jury at the inquest found that he was one of the parties engaged in murder, and the deceased at the time his death was caused, had returned a verdict of manslaughter against him.

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EXTRACT.

JOHN NEEDHAM'S DOUBLE.

A STORY FOUNDRED ON FACT.

BY JOSEPH HATTON.]

CHAPTER I.

RECALLS A TRAGIC CASE OF FELONY. — When John Needham's dead body was found at Hampstead Heath the reasons for his suicide were obscure, and considered sufficient to account for his death. Having, however, regard to the fact that no complete explanation could be arrived at as to the disposal of the vast sum of money known to have been in his possession, it was reported both in Ireland and America that the body was not his, "but one produced to personate him, while he, during the course of the supposed self-murder, effected his escape."

The newspapers of the time (I have a file of them before me) were full of the tragic story, and a dozen journalists has indulged the history of the case record of "The Commercial Crisis of 1873."

The mysteries of London are many; but none of them present more startling dramatic passages than those which belong to the genuine history of the body found at Hampstead in the summer of 1866, and registered as a case of *felonie* at the Corner of Middlesex and a sworn jury of responsible citizens and ratepayers.

Prior to the General Election of 1847, John Needham had been known by his fellow-townsmen as a respectable man and a staunch Roman Catholic. Nobody suspected him of the great capacity for fraud and politics which he eventually developed. A tall, silent man, John Needham was of pale complexion, closely shaven, had thin hair, dark blue eyes, a hesitating manner, and was fond of wearing even to womanliness. His Irish friends called him "the top."

Although in Ireland he affected not to be rich, it is shortly believed that he had amassed a fair share of money; for through the influence of his late father's banking house, and his own ability as a solicitor, he obtained the agency of several Irish properties, and when the Act for the establishment of the Encumbered Estates Commission came into operation, his knowledge enabled him to make very advantageous purchases. The railway mania was also turned to some account, and it was understood by the party which nominated him for Parliament that he could well afford to maintain in town a position of dignity and independence. It was a time when financial acumen, and a reputation for it, was of especial value. Mr. Needham returned to London a newly-elected member of Parliament and an officeholder under the Government. Joseph Norbury had promised to consider the serious advice of his doctor that he should take a sea voyage.

In all his engagements he was punctuality itself. His house in Portland Place was a model of luxurious simplicity. He gave dinners that were the talk of epicures, not for the elaborate character of the menu, but for the perfection of the cooking and service, and the excellence of the wines. Within a year of his coming to London he was chairman of a great foreign railway, director of two lines running out of London, managing director of the Civil Credit Company, director of the Valley Road Iron and Colliery Company, chairman of the Steam Shipping Corporation, and the financial adviser of many other equally notable undertakings. Not alone did his Irish friends consult him in their affairs, but English lords and bishops and great city financiers invested monies in any direction that his judgment favoured. All this gave colour to the prediction of journalistic gossip that he would one day be elevated to the position of Her Majesty's Chancellor of the Exchequer. There was, however, one great barrier to his political advancement. Not alone his religion, but his known pledges to the Catholic party, his championship of what was then known as "The Irish Brigade."

But Mr. John Needham was not the man to allow any trifles of this kind to stand in his way. When a certain Parliamentary whip asked him if the distinctly Protestant Government of the day could count upon his undivided support and service as Junior Lord of the Treasury, Mr. Needham found it perfectly easy to transfer his allegiance from the son of Borna and Cardinal Wiseman to the Ultra-Protestant Premier.

To some men life is a mere game, in which every move is open to them, and in which they neither acknowledge the checks of principle nor sympathy.

"My constituents will taunt me," said "With what may seem to them a desertion of principle, a disfacement, a revolt; but I shall tell them, and it is true, that my political hostility was against Lord John Russell, not against the Government, and that Lord John being no longer at the head of the Government, the situation is changed."

"That is so," said the party which charged with the bribe of office, "though I question if your constituents will accept even so plausible an explanation—for your appointment Vacates your seat, and a Cardinal Wiseman to the Ultra-Protestant Premier."

"I think they will," said Mr. Needham; "let them, I will contest the place which the death of Mr. Patrick Smith leaves open to us. Did you not see his disease in this morning's *Chronicle*?"

"I did."

"Then, with all respect to Lord Aberdeen, and my duty to him and my thanks, say he may count upon my patriotic service to his Government, to the Throne, and to the country."

"About what!" Dick exclaimed; "about everything! That is, it is everything to me!"

"Oh, the old story is it?" said the host. "Well, I am selfish enough to hope she'll think about it a long time yet, Dick."

"Thank you," said Dick, laughing.

"Believe me, old fellow, these are the happiest days of your lives. You should cherish them."

"So we do."

"But only to end, and them."

"Not at all, Dick; to continue them. Now, don't go, Kate."

She had risen. Dick took her hand.

"Now, don't go, just as we are beginning to talk seriously," said Dick, laughing.

Kate sat down again and looked into the fire.

"What shall we do when you are gone to America?" Dick went on.

"I have not gone yet," replied the host.

"But you will go, won't you?" said Kate; "for though I shall feel it bitterly, your going—I am sure Dr. Ware is right, and that it will do good."

"Oh, I suppose I shall go," said the host, "though I don't care for it."

"That is the very reason why you should go, Dr. Ware says, remaine."

"Do you want to get rid of me? Ab, no, not stupidly fond of me you would advise me to go."

He was quite satisfied with himself, contented, happy, and if there were

obstacles in the future that threatened his peace, he did not fear them; they were shadows that his rising sun would speedily dispel. At least so he thought, and he calculated his chances with astuteness and experience.

A shining pair of chestnut horses champed their silver bits at the arrival platform of the Great Western Station. They were appointed in the best taste; and on the box of the handsome brougham sat two smart servants, who were conscious of the importance attached to their service by the attendance of several rail-way officials, who had been ordered to receive the now Lord of the Treasury. Mr. Needham accepted the compliment with an easy and satisfied air, tipped the guard who carried his writing-case, and stepped a guinea into the hand of the platform inspector.

The spring sunshine seemed to follow him with especial favour as his horses flew along the streets to Portland Place. It flashed gaily on the silver harness of the faultless steeds; it brought out the golden bars of his coat of arms, on the door-panel of his faultless brougham and the first breezes of summer wafted about him; as he stepped upon the pavement, the perfume of ten thousand hyacinths from the beds of Regent's Park. There was, however, surely one delightful touch missing; the chronicler of this history feels its absence, though possibly the new Lord of the Treasury did not. No wife, no child, welcomed home the victor; the Hon. John Needham, M.P., was a bachelor.

INTRODUCES THE READER TO "THE LIVING IMAGE" OF JOHN NEEDHAM.

So also I had nearly written, was Joseph Norbury, of Brambling House, Wyedale, Derbyshire. The mistake would be pardonable, from the point of view I had in my mind, Joseph Norbury was a widower without children, and at the moment he possibly felt more alone than even John Needham, for he had lost his wife with a good man's devotion. John Needham had an only brother, Joseph Norbury had only sister.

Wearing neither John Needham, nor having any association nor connection with him, not having even seen him, Joseph Norbury was the very image of him, even to the possession of his hesitating manner and his touch of dandyism. Tall, pale, brown hair, dark blue eyes, a shaved face, not a great talker, but eloquent when roused, Joseph Norbury was physically another John Needham, in hard nature, though possibly he had become two excellent fellows instead of one excellent fellow; for Norbury had, figure speaking, heart enough for a whole parish. He was in the first months of a bitter grief. He had been a lone match, and the loss of his young wife was an affliction he rather nursed than tried to evade, either by the artifice of travel or increase of companion. But on that May day when Mr. Needham returned to London a newly-elected member of Parliament and an officeholder under the Government, Joseph Norbury had promised to consider the serious advice of his doctor that he should take a sea voyage.

A SNAKE AND RABBIT COMBAT. — The following instance of the strength of the maternal instinct has been furnished to me by a reliable authority, the fact being vouched for by Mr. John Phillips, of Arundel Heath:—A Chinaman in Mr. Phillips' employ, while hoeing potatoes, heard a snake engaged in deadly combat. The snake frequently raised itself, and struck at the rabbit; the brave little animal, strong in its maternal instinct, fought the snake in its mortal combat, fought the snake in return with its forepaws. The Chinaman, who was quite excited when narrating the occurrence, thus describes the incident, aided by a good deal of expressive pantomime. "Ma hooy potatoes; see little hole, rabbit. Ma lookie, see rabbit jump, see snake jump. Little time my lookie, snakes dead, rabbit no walkie. Hooy potatoes; looks labbit, no see. By and by him dead." Mr. Phillips at once went to the spot, and there lay both the rabbit and snake dead, the first from the effects of the poison fangs and the latter by the claws of the enraged snake inflicted by the claws of the enraged little rodent. The reptile's powers of escape had been neutralised through its having gorged itself by making a meal of two of the young rabbits out of the four which the nest contained. It was evident that the mother had just returned to her young as the snake was finishing his meal, and had bravely died in defense of her offspring, but not before she had succeeded in visiting with a similar fate the unwise and overgrown intruder.—*Melbourne Leader*.

CRICKET FOR LADIES.

A new game is just coming into fashion. It is called ladies' cricket or Victoria, and is an adaptation of the game of cricket for ladies to play on the lawn. The game is like an ordinary cricket, but the materials are lighter. The bat is like a regular cricketing bat; but on the hitting part it is strung like a lawn-tennis racket. The ball is the usual lawn-tennis ball. The wickets are wider apart than in regular cricket, and so arranged that when the ball touches them a little bell rings. Victoria has appeared at the wrong end of the season, but next year it will doubtless become popular.

HONGKONG MARKETS.

AS EXPORTED BY CHINAMAN ON THE 3RD NOV. 1885.

COTTON GOODS.

American Drills, 30 yards, per piece ... \$2.95 to \$3.05

American Drills, 15 lbs., per piece ... \$2.95 to \$3.05

Cotton Yarn, No. 10 to 24, per 400 lbs. ... \$45.00 to \$50.00

Cotton Yarn, No. 25 to 42, per 400 lbs. ... \$50.00 to \$55.00

Cotton Yarn, Bombay ... \$50.00 to \$55.00

Dyed Spooches Shirts, per piece ... \$2.65 to \$2.70

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Chints, per piece ... \$1.00 to \$1.75

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Long Ells, MM. Vassiet, per piece ... \$6.45 to \$7.00

Long Ells, MM. Assorted, per piece ... \$6.45 to \$7.00

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